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SUBJ: FORTHCOMING NEWSWEEK STORY RE DROUGHT

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DAKAR FOR RDO

1. INTERVIEWED EXTENSIVELY BY ANDREW JAFFE, NEWSWEEK NAIROBI,
ASSIGNED WRITE COVER STORY SAHEL AND AFRICAN DROUGHT SITUATION.
TAKING OFF FROM CARNEGIE REPORT AND SUBSEQUENTLY WASHINGTON POST,
NEW YORK TIMES AND SIMILAR ARTICLES, JAFFE STATES STORY TO
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A. CURRENT SITUATION DISASTER RELIEF EFFORT. CHECK ON
QUOTE SNAFUS UNQUOTE, AND IF TRUE, PINPOINT BLAME.
INTENDS QUOTE HARD HITTING UNQUOTE COMMENT WHERE SAHEL
GOVERNMENTS AT FAULT.
B. LONG TERM PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS TO DESERTIFICATION AND
DROUGHT SOLUTIONS. IN THIS CONNECT, ASKED ABOUT
RESEARCH, INCLUDING ERTS, MIT, ETC.
C. SCOPE AND EFFECTIVENESS U.S. DISASTER RELIEF, R&R, AND
MEDIUM TERM ASSISTANCE.

2. JAFFE EXPECTS TRAVEL ROME (FAO), DAKAR, NOUAKCHOTT, OUAGADOUGOU,
NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON.

3. COMMENT: JAFFE CLEARLY UNCERTAIN ULTIMATE DIMENSIONS COVER
STORY. HE VAGUELY SPEAKS OF DROUGHT, MALTHUSIAN PRINCIPLE AND
WORLD FOOD SHORTAGE AS IMPORTANT ELEMENTS. JAFFE WILL DOUBTLESSLY
APPROACH U.S. EMBASSIES AND A.I.D. OFFICERS REGARDING SUCCESS AND
IMPEDIMENTS CURRENT RELIEF AND R&R AID. HE ASKED ABOUT CONTACTS
REGARDING RESEARCH, AND I SUGGESTED LYMAN/HOBSON BE CONTACTED
REGARDING RESEARCH RATHER THAN HIS DIRECT CONTACT MIT, ETC. HOPE
ON THE WHOLE, RESULTING ARTICLE USEFUL AND BALANCED IN TREATMENT
OF DROUGHT SITUATION AND PROBLEM. WYMAN UNQUOTE SISCO

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